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SUBJECT: FIRING EXERCISE OVER OKINAWA PREFECTURAL HIGHWAY 104

REF: ADMIN MARCORB 110910Z OCT 74 (NOTAL)

PAGE TWO RHAIBQA4740 C O N F I D E N T I A L

1. TWO DELEGATIONS VISITED CONGEN OCT 15 TO EXPRESS CONCERN OVER AND URGE SUSPENSION OF USMC ARTILLERY FIRING EXERCISES SCHEDULED FOR OCT 16 AND 17. NEITHER DELEGATION WAS ACCOMPANIED BY PRESS AND BOTH PRESENTED POSITION IN LOW KEY MANNER.

2. FIRST DELEGATION, LED BY COMMUNIST PARTY DIET MEMBER SENAGA, PRESENTED PETITION EXPRESSING "PEOPLE'S" CONCERN AND LINKING FIRING EXERCISE TO ALLEGED PRESENCE OF NUCLEAR WEAPONS IN OKINAWA. ACTING PRINCIPAL OFFICER NOTED THAT EXERCISES HAD BEEN GOING ON FOR SOME TIME NOW AND WERE CLEARLY UNRELATED TO "NUCLEAR ISSUE", THAT MARINES

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TOOK "PEOPLE'S CONCERNS" INTO ACCOUNT IN SCHEDULING EXERCISES, THAT EXERCISES WERE NEEDED FOR TRAINING PURPOSES, AND PROMISED TO CONVEY CONCERNS EXPRESSED IN PETITION TO HIGHER AUTHORITY AT EMBASSY AND IN WASHINGTON.

3. SECOND DELEGATION WAS LED BY DEPUTY SPEAKER OF OKINAWA PREFECTURAL ASSEMBLY FURUGEN (IN ABSENCE OF SPEAKER WHO WAS IN TOKYO) AND INCLUDED

REPS OF OSMP, JCP, JSP AND REFORMIST CLUB. OLDP MEMBER NAME WAS LISTED BUT CROSSED OUT. SPOKESMAN FURUGEN (JCP ASSEMBLY MEMBER) CONCENTRATED ON INCONVENIENCE AND DANGER TO PEOPLE CAUSED BY EXERCISE AND NOTED THAT PREFECTURAL ASSEMBLY RESOLUTION AGAINST EXERCISE PASSED MARCH 29, 1974 AND SENT TO GOJ AND U. S. MILITARY ORGANIZATIONS

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HAD BEEN IGNORED. FURUGEN NOTED CONCERN AROUSED BY NUCLEAR ISSUE RECENTLY AND WONDERED IF FACT THAT EXERCISES SCHEDULED FOR TWO DAYS RATHER THAN ONE WAS INTENDED TO UNDERSCORE U. S. INTENTION TO IGNORE "PEOPLE'S" WILL. ACTING PRINCIPAL OFFICER MADE POINTS SIMILAR TO THOSE

IN PARA 2 ABOVE AND PROMISED TO CONVEY CONCERNS. OSMP DELEGATE ASKED WHY CONSULATE GENERAL COULD NOT SIMPLY ORDER EXERCISE SUSPENDED; APO STATED CONGEN DID NOT HAVE THIS AUTHORITY.

4. MILITARY SECURITY SOURCES REPORT 800 DEMONSTRATORS PLAN TO CONVERGE AT EXERCISE SITE; POLICE EXPECT VIOLENCE AND ARE MOBILIZING SOME 400 RIOT POLICE.

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